per quintal linked to 8.5 per cent recovery, with proportionate premium for recoveries higher than 8.5 per cent. Last season, the minimum price fixed was Rs. 14.00 per quintal linked to 8.5 per cent recovery.

(c) The farmers have been demanding a price ranging from Rs. 28 to 50/- per quintal. The Government have, as stated in reply to part (b) above, increased the statutory minimum price by Rs. 2.50 per quintal this year. The actual prices, being received by the growers, however, range between Rs. 16.50 to Rs. 27/- per quintal.

**Decline in drug trafficking**

*34. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
DR. LOKESH CHANDRA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether drug trafficking showed a decline after the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 was brought into force on the 14th November, 1985; and

(b) if so, what is the quantity of drugs seized in the Punjab sector from the 15th November, 1985 to 31st January, 1986?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) As the new Act has come into force only with effect from 14th November, 1985, it is too early to assess its impact on drug trafficking. There has been a steep rise in the seizures of various drugs, consequent to the strengthening of the various enforcement machiney and equipping them with adequate powers under the Act.

(b) The quantity of drugs seized from the 15th November 1985 to 31st January, 1986 in the State of Punjab including the quantity seized on Pakistan border, is as under:—

| Name of the drug | Quantity seized (Kgs.) |
|---|---|
| Opium . . . | 1,113 |
| Charas . . . | 459 |
| Heroin . . . | 106 |

NOTE : Figures are provisional.

**Production of carpets**

*35. SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of carpets, quality-wise, in finished form produced during 1981-82, 1982-83, 1983-84, 1984-85 and April 1985-January 1986 under the Carpet Weaving Training Scheme at Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) what are the details of the service centres where the third stage of the syllabus for carpet weaving training was completed with details of the Centres during 1981-82 and 1982-83; and

(c) what are the reasons for not completing third stage of the syllabus in any service centre?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Working of Public Sector Banks**

*36. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that public sector banks have made huge profits during 1985;